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Minutes 02/24/2010

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30PM O'Neill Room Community Safety Building
 2/24/10

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*		Bayer	Phelps	Dunn*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Olszewski*	
Tosti	Foskett	Deyst	Ronan	
Ferrara*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Ann FitzGerald CoA Board Chair, from CoA Karen Nichols, Harry McCabe, Friends of CoA Arthur Budnik, from Traffic Supervisors Union: Roseann Casazza, Mark Bernard, John Jones, Joseph Wendell, Treasurer Stephen Gilligan

MINUTES of 2/22 approved as amended. Unanimous

ART 68 TRAFFIC SUPERVISORS: Casazza would like the traffic supervisors to work for the police rather than the schools. Traffic supervisors work for police in other towns. She would like more sympathetic supervision. She is concerned that they were not included in the initial school budget. She expects a lawsuit if traffic supervisors not funded and an accident happens. Casazza has not talked w/ Chief Ryan or the School Committee. She stated that there are 34 supervisors, 31 are permanent w/ pension but w/o health insurance or longevity. They work 2 hrs/day, 10 hrs/wk. There are 32 posts around 10 schools. Members pointed out that if working as part time police, traffic supervisors might be eligible for unemployment payments in the summer. This was one reason they were transferred to the schools from the police some years ago.

VOTED No action with a comment to encourage greater communication and cooperation between all involved. Unanimous

ART 65 HARRY BARBER PROGRAM FitzGerald, using a handout for this and subsequent articles, described the program & requested the same appropriation as last year: \$7500 for 10 jobs. Seven of 10 jobs were filled last year. Others were judged unsuitable for the applicants that applied.

ART 66 MINUTEMAN SENIOR SERVICES FitzGerald reviewed the services provided and noted that state funding will be reduced. She requested \$10,679, the same as last year. Members requested the annual report of MM Senior Services.

ART 67 SOCIAL WORKER II FitzGerald stated that the current social worker has an excessive work load and it is growing. The problems addressed are severe. FitzGerald requested \$47,000 to fund this new position. Director Sharky did not approve this request because of budget constraints.

ART 24 TAX CHECKOFF FOR CoA TRANSPORTATION: FitzGerald reviewed the costs of running the CoA vans. Dial-A-Ride, MM Senior Services & the Sanborn Foundation also provide transportation for seniors in some cases. Fundraising to cover costs has begun, FitzGerald requested a checkoff option like Dollars For Scholars. She has not talked w/ Gilligan. Gilligan was present and provided a handout that stated many reasons, mostly fiscal, why he does not support this proposal.

Fanning asked FitzGerald if she would be willing to give up the funding under ART 65 & 66 in order to partly fund ART 67. She said, "Maybe"

No votes on the CoA articles were taken at request of HumServ SubCom (Franclemont) to give her a chance to discuss these articles w/ Director Sharky.

BUD 10 ZBA: GenGov SubCom (Howard) stated that 22 hearings were held in CY2009 compared to 15 in CY 2010. A40B hearing is coming up. He recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$23,890. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: Goal is to finish hearings this month. Understand department budgets & correct if necessary. Vote budgets in first half of March.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE \$508,915.92

Peter B Howard 2/25/10 Revised 3/1/10

cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site
VOTE SUMMARY - Articles

# 2/10	#	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
20			PAYT			request Manager
24			Tax Checkoff for CoA Transportation	2/24		HumServ SubCom
26			Double Pole Home Rule Legis			request Manager
28			Pension Liability Funding			request Manager
29			Transfer Crosby			request Manager
30			Transfer Parmenter			request Manager
31			Sell Crosby			request Manager
32			Sell Parmenter			request Manager
33			Accept Law to Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin			Reorg Com in April
34			Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin			Reorg Com in April
36			Dog Control			
37			Compensation of Selectmen			
39			Addtional Warrant Article notification			
47			Collective Bargaining			
48			Future Collective Bargaining			
49			Salary Adjustment Elected Officials			
50			Positions Reclassification			
51			Vacation Time Bylaw			

52	Budgets			
53	Capital Budget			3/15
54	Rescind authority to borrow			
55	Sewers			3/17
56	Water			3/17
57	Minuteman Tech	2/22		2/22
58	Minuteman Tech Bond Authorization	2/22		2/22
59	Committees & Commissions	2/17	2/17	\$14,760, #000 for ARC tabled
60	Celebrations			
61	Misc Appropriations			
62	Scholarship Fund Expenses			
63	Pension Adjustment			
64	Safe Routes to School			
65	Harry Barber Service Program	2/24		HumServ SubCom
66	Minuteman Senior Services	2/24		HumServ SubCom
67	Social Worker	2/24		HumServ SubCom
68	Traffic Supervisors	2/24	2/24	No action
69	Water Bodies	2/17	2/17	\$15,000
70	Uncle Sam	2/17		discuss w/ BoS
71	Restore Trees	2/17		discuss w/ DPW
72	Local Option Taxes			
73	OPEB			
74	Tip Fee Stab Fund			
75	Transfer of Cemetery Funds			
76	Overlay Reserve			
77	Stabilization Fund			
78	Free Cash			

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom	2/22	2/22	10,988	
2	Board of Selectmen				
3	Town Manager				
4	Personnel				
5	Information Technology	2/22	2/22	491,878	
6	Comptroller	2/22	2/22	399,044	
7	Treasurer				
8	Postage				

9	Assessors				
10	Legal				
11	Town Clerk				
12	Registrar of Voters				
13	Parking				
14	Planning				
15	Redevelopment Board				
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	2/24	2/24	23,890	
17	Public Works				
17a	Street Lights				
18a	Community Safety Admin				
18b	Police				
18c	Fire				
18d	Support				
19	Inspections				
20	Education				
21	Library	2/22	2/22	1,888,852	12-1
22a	Health & Human Services				
22b	Veterans				
22c	COA				
23	Retirement				
24	Insurance				
25	Reserve Fund				=
W&S EF	Rev 16383255 Exp 16383255				
Rec EF	Rev 600,500, Exp 597,132				
Rnk EF	Rev 567,000, Exp 560,267				
COA EF	Rev 115136, Exp 111133				
Youth EF	Rev 85000, Exp 403494				